

## John Graham (1810-1883)

John H. Graham <sup>i</sup> was born between January and August 1810 in Hopewell or Toboyne Township, Cumberland County,<sup>1</sup> Pennsylvania. <sup>ii</sup>

- Cumberland County was created in 1749 out of Lancaster County, but there is no early county map prior to the 1850.
- Perry County was created in 1820 from Cumberland County, but there is no early county map prior to the 1850.
- During the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Hopewell and Toboyne Townships bordered each other.

John was a carpenter by trade, and the brother of Robert Graham, <sup>2</sup> who was born in 1805.

John married Lydia Devor <sup>3</sup> about 1830 in the Cumberland and Franklin County region, or in newly formed Perry County Pennsylvania. Most likely around the Newburg area of Hopewell Township, Cumberland County.

- John's brother, Robert, married Lydia's older sister, Ann Devor. <sup>4-5</sup>

Lydia Devor was born June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1812 <sup>6</sup> to James Devor and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Lydia Roles (Rowels), in Spring Run, Fannett Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. <sup>7</sup>

John and Lydia lived in and around the Jackson, Saville, Toboyne, and Tyrone Townships of Perry County, and Hopewell Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. <sup>iii</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> John's middle initial "H" comes from the 1880 census and the 1868 Tax Rolls for Toboyne Township Perry County Pennsylvania. We believe the "H" would be correct, and may represent the name of Henry or Howard, possibly representing a family name.

<sup>ii</sup> Many genealogists list John's birth as 1810 in Newburg, Hopewell Township, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Hopewell was created in 1735, when it was part of Lancaster County, before Cumberland County was created in 1749. This may be accurate for the early 19<sup>th</sup> century Cumberland County. Perry County was not formed until 1820. Only one record points to present day Perry County, Pennsylvania.

<sup>iii</sup> Fannett Township Franklin County intersects with Hopewell Township Cumberland County, and Toboyne Township Perry County Pennsylvania. The area of Spring Run in Fannett Township Franklin County is 17 miles from New Germantown and 21 miles from Blain Perry County; and 14 miles from Newburg in Hopewell Township and Heberlig Upper Mifflin Township of Cumberland County. These are the areas where John and Lydia would live and raise a family.

In 1840 John and Lydia had moved from Perry to Mifflin Township, Cumberland County. Living adjacent to them was Joseph McElwain, whose son William would later live next door to John and Lydia in 1850 Newburg area of Hopewell Township. <sup>iv</sup>

- Spring Run, Tyrone Township Perry County, and Hopewell Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania are within a thirty-mile radius of one another. From all the records we researched, it appears many of their children would marry and live-in present-day Cumberland and Perry County Pennsylvania.
- In 1840 John's brother, Robert's family, lived in Toboyne Township Perry County, and by 1850 they had moved to the adjacent Mifflin Township <sup>v</sup> in Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Also living with them was a female (possibly Robert's or Ann's sister) who was born 1791-1800.

By 1850 John was a carpenter and laborer, and he and Lydia lived in Hopewell Township, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. This is the area their son, John, was born. <sup>8</sup> Living with them were five of their younger children, while 3 other children lived next door in the William (b. 1820) and Elizabeth (b.1824) McElwain household. Elizabeth may be a sister of John and Robert. Also, a John (b.1828) and Elizabeth (b.1828) Howard live next to the McElwains.

In the 1860 census record John still lives in Hopewell Township, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. In the household, the following children were listed; five daughters, Eliz., age 23, Mary J., age 20, Catherine, age 20, Mary, age 15 and Sarah B., age 7.; three sons, David, age 19, Rollen, age 17, and John, age 11. John Graham, head-of-household occupation was a carpenter. His estate had the value of \$40.00 and personal estate was listed at \$150.00.

Lydia died December 8<sup>th</sup> 1862; age 50 years, 5 months, 16 days, in Mt. Pleasant, Jackson Township Perry County Pennsylvania. <sup>9</sup> Mt. Pleasant sits between Blain and New Germantown Perry County Pennsylvania. This is the same region many of their children would live with their families. <sup>vi</sup>

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<sup>iv</sup> Mifflin Township sits adjacent to Hopewell Township, and newly formed Toboyne and Jackson Townships of Perry County. These are the areas where the origins of our Graham.

<sup>v</sup> Toboyne and Mifflin are the bordering townships between Perry and Cumberland County. Perry County was created out of Cumberland County in 1821. Today Mifflin is known as North and South Mifflin Townships.

<sup>vi</sup> The area of Spring Run in Fannett Township Franklin County is 17 miles from New Germantown and 21 miles from Blain Perry County; and 14 miles from Newburg in Hopewell Township and Heberlig Upper Mifflin Township of Cumberland County. These are the areas where John and Lydia would live and raise a family.

John then married Charlotte Mooreland-Weaver.<sup>vii</sup> Charlotte's husband, John Abslom Weaver died January 25<sup>th</sup> 1858.<sup>10</sup> According to the 1870 federal census John Graham would have been born about 1812, Charlotte in 1822, and John M. Weaver in 1855.<sup>viii</sup>

In the 1880 census 59-year-old Charlotte (spelled Sharlotte) of New Germantown is listed as married, but John is not listed living there. He's living down the road in Blain with his daughter Sarah Bell Rowe.

Perry County Tax Records.<sup>11</sup>

- From the Tax Rolls of Jackson Twp., Perry County, Pennsylvania: John Graham is listed in 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865. A letter dated March 4<sup>th</sup> 1866, states that John Graham moved to Toboyne Twp.
- 1866 Tax Rolls of Toboyne Twp., Perry County, Pennsylvania: John Graham, laborer.
- 1867, 1868, 1869 Tax Rolls lists John Graham; John H. Graham, \$80, taxable value and \$.64 tax; and a Charlotte Graham \$130 taxable value and \$1.04 tax.
- 1870 listed just the names; John Graham and Charlotte Graham.
- 1871 tax rolls of Toboyne Twp. Perry County, Pennsylvania list Charlotte Graham

In 1880 John H. Graham, a widow, who was a house carpenter, lived with Sarah Bell Rowe and three grandchildren. They were living in the borough of Blain, Jackson Township Perry County Pennsylvania. This 1880 census record is the only known record also indicated Sara was married with three children, and a laborer Jacob Wentz, carpenter, age 52, was also a house carpenter living with the family. The census also indicated John and his parents were born in Pennsylvania, as do the 1880 census record for a Robert Graham.

- This Charlotte Mooreland Weaver-Graham was born October 31<sup>st</sup> 1819 in Pennsylvania. Charlotte Graham's will only mention her sons; Jerome B. Weaver and Wilson M. Weaver.<sup>12</sup> There's no mention of her husband's name. Charlotte died September 4<sup>th</sup> 1883.<sup>13</sup>
- According to Charlotte's obituary, she did marry a John H. Graham.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>vii</sup> John Graham and Charlotte Marriage: This match up may have happened using the 1870 census record, which shows a John, Charlotte, and John M. (Graykam) living in New Germantown.

<sup>viii</sup> Our John H. Graham had a son named Joh Devor Graham, born 1849, and who married Rebecca Trostle.

John died at the age of 73, August 19<sup>th</sup> 1883, in New Germantown,<sup>15</sup> Jackson Township Perry County Pennsylvania.<sup>16</sup> His burial has not been located, but we believe it would have been in the borough of Blain or Mount Pleasant, Jackson Township Perry County.

Through numerous obituaries we know John Graham and Lydia Devor had ten children.<sup>17</sup> We also know that John and Lydia's son William was born during 1833 in the Tyrone Township region of Perry County Pennsylvania.<sup>18</sup> William was my great-great grandfather.<sup>19</sup>

From a number of obituaries and federal census records, I was able to identify the children who were born to John and Lydia Graham. Many obituaries and death certificates linked each person to each other the tp the parents of John Graham and Lydia Devore.

One obituary from John D. Graham indicated the number of people in the family; "...Mr. Graham was born in Newburg, July 14<sup>th</sup> 1849, and was the last of a family of twelve..."<sup>20</sup>

- This either suggests that John Graham and Lydia Devor had 10 or 12 children.

The births of their first few children were in Perry County 1831 and 1833.<sup>21</sup> There were ten children.<sup>22</sup> I believe the 1850 and 1860 federal census records are the most accurate in identifying John and Lydia Graham's children.

If there were only ten children, one child listed below does not belong, however if there are twelve children, I cannot identify the 12<sup>th</sup> child.

Presented are eleven children.

- i. Nancy A. Graham (1831-1885). She married Richard M. Devor.<sup>23</sup>
- ii. William Irwin Graham (1833-1908). He married 1<sup>st</sup> to Mary Oliver,<sup>24</sup> and then to Mrs. Mary Sophia Culbertson.<sup>25</sup>
- iii. James Graham (1835-1911). James 1<sup>st</sup> married Angeline Gross, and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Caroline Devor.<sup>26</sup>
- iv. Elizabeth Graham (1837-1905). She married John William Stump.<sup>27</sup>
- v. Mary J. Graham (1839-). I could not locate her after 1870.<sup>28</sup>
- vi. Catherine Graham (1841-). I could not locate her after 1870.<sup>29</sup>

- vii. David Howard Graham (1842-1905). He married Ellen Elizabeth Gutshall. <sup>30</sup>
- viii. Rolland Graham (1844-1875). He married Drusilla Findley (Finley). <sup>31</sup>
- ix. Margaret Graham (1845-). I could not locate her after 1870. <sup>32</sup>
- x. John Devor Graham (1849-1927). He married Rebecca Jane Trostle. <sup>33</sup>
- xi. Sara Bell Graham (1853-1883). She married Josiah Arthur Rowe. <sup>34</sup>

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3. 1810 John Graham Census: Hopewell, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Fourth Census of the United States, 1820, microfilm publication M33, 142 rolls, Record Group 29, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
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5. 1820 John Graham Census: Hopewell, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Fourth Census of the United States, 1820, microfilm publication M33, 142 rolls, Record Group 29, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
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12. 1850 Catherine Graham (age 9) Census: Hopewell, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls, Record Group 29, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.
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## End Notes

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<sup>1</sup> John Graham Name and Place of Birth: The information came from the William Graham Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 68933, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906-1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

<sup>2</sup> Devor Family, pages 695 to 699, Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905; Chapter I, James Devor, Page 21, The Deavor family, A Brief History of the Deavor Family in America, by William T. S. Deavor B. S., PhD, M.E. Bok Rooms print, Harrisburg Pennsylvania, 1896; Franklin County Historical Society, 175 E King Street Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 17201; and the Graham Files, Cumberland County Historical Society, PO Box 626, 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 17013.

<sup>3</sup> John Graham marriage to Lydia Devore: The information came from the Devor Family, pages 695 to 699, Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905, Franklin County Historical Society, 175 E King Street Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 17201; and the Graham Files, Cumberland County Historical Society, PO Box 626, 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 17013.

<sup>4</sup> John and Robert Graham as Brothers who Married Sisters Lydia and Ann Devor: The information came from the Devor Family, pages 695 to 699, Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905; Franklin County Historical Society, 175 E King Street Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 17201; and the Graham Files, Cumberland County Historical Society, PO Box 626, 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 17013.

<sup>5</sup> Sisters Lydia and Ann Devor: The information came from the A Brief History of the Devor Family in America, William Tecumseh Sherman Deavor, 1896; The Devor Family, page 696 of the Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905; Franklin County Historical Society, 175 E King Street Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 17201.

<sup>6</sup> Lydia Devor Date of Birth: I used Lydia's age; years, months, days from the date of her death using a birth date calculator in determining her estimated birth date; Graham ABD File, The Perry Historians, 763 Dix Hill Road, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, 17068.

<sup>7</sup> Lydia Devor's Parents Names and Residence in Spring Run, Fannett Township Franklin County Pennsylvania: The information came from Chapter I, James Devor, Pages 13-211, The Deavor family, A Brief History of the Deavor Family in America, by William T. S. Deavor B. S., PhD, M.E. Bok Rooms print, Harrisburg Pennsylvania, 1896, Franklin County Historical Society, 175 E King Street Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 17201.

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<sup>8</sup> John and Lydia Graham Newburg Residence: This information came from their son John Devor Graham, who was born July 1849 in Newburg Pennsylvania; Shippensburg Historical Society Obituary Collection, John Graham; The Shippensburg Chronicle, Thursday, February 10, 1927, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257.

<sup>9</sup> Lydia Graham Death: ABD File for Graham, The Perry Historians, 763 Dix Hill Road, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, 17068.

<sup>10</sup> John Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage: The marriage between John and Charlotte comes from the M.B. Gutshall family bible and John H. Graham and Charlotte Weaver-Graham obituaries. M. B. married Charlotte's son, Jerome Bonaparte Weaver. Jerome sold bibles for a while, and the bible and obituaries were passed onto M.B. Gutshall's son, Dewey Moreland Weaver, Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>11</sup> Robert and John Graham Tax Information: The information came from tax records provided by Donna Heller Zinn, The Perry Historians, PO Box 73, Newport, Pa 17074-0073.

<sup>12</sup> Charlotte Graham Will: The information came from Wills, Vol E, 1880-1887, Probate Date: August 27<sup>th</sup> 1883, The Perry Historians, 763 Dix Hill Road, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania 17068.

<sup>13</sup> Charlotte Graham Death: Microfilm A800, Duncannon record, Duncannon PA, GBD File, The Perry Historians, 763 Dix Hill Road, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, 17068.

<sup>14</sup> Charlotte Graham Obituary: The obituary was affixed to the M.B. Gutshall family bible. M. B. married Charlotte's son, Jerome Bonaparte Weaver. Jerome sold bibles for a while, and the bible and obituaries were passed onto M.B. Gutshall's son, Dewey Moreland Weaver, Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

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<sup>16</sup> John Graham Death: ABD File for Graham, The Perry Historians, 763 Dix Hill Road, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, 17068.

<sup>17</sup> Ten children come from interpreting the following: which comes from John and Lydia Graham's son John Devor Graham obituary, "... was the last of a family of 12...", The Shippensburg Chronicle, Thursday, February 10, 1927, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, PA 17257.

<sup>18</sup> William Graham Son of John Graham and Lydia Devor: The information comes from the 1908 William Graham Obituary, William Graham of Shippensburg, The Shippensburg Chronicle, Tuesday, August 6, 1908, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

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<sup>19</sup> This relationship comes from my great grandfather's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage application; Franklin County Courthouse, Clerk of Orphan's Court Office, 157 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 17201.

<sup>20</sup> John and Lydia Graham Number of Children: This information came from the obituary for John Devor Graham, indicated that he was the last born of twelve children; The Chronicle Shippensburg Pennsylvania, Thursday, February 10, 1927, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

<sup>21</sup> Graham Children Born in Perry County: This information came from William Graham Obituary, Shippensburg Historical Society Obituary Collection: The Chronicle Shippensburg Pennsylvania; Thursday, August 6, 1908, Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 W King Street Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 17257.

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<sup>23</sup> Nancy Graham (831-1850) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>24</sup> William Graham (1833-1908) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>25</sup> Mary Hildebrandt (1842-1921) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

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